

WELL DONE ---THOU FAITHFUL

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A Minute Meditation by William Allen Zulker

How long one lives is not half as important as how much one lives. Quantity is no substitute for quality.

The story is told of a man by the name of Archie who was confined to the State Prison in Trenton, NJ. Archie spent thirty-three years in that institution and lived to be eighty-three years of age. He became quite well known to the public because the newspapers played up his dreadful fears of contracting a cold and dying.

Archie never took a walk in the penitentiary yard lest he pick up some unwanted germs. Neither would he receive visitors for they too might be carriers of disease. His only achievement was the duration of his life.

Think of the contrast of Archie's life with the life of Jesus Christ - eighty-three years against thirty-three. Or think of it in relation to Raphael's thirty-seven years.

Now the question we must consider is in relation to our own years. To live a long life should not be our goal, but to live a fruitful and productive one is to receive the commendation of the Lord, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your Lord. Matthew 25:21."

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